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Ohio March Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Ohio farmers for the full month of March 2015 are listed in the table below.

Some Ohio highlights were: March corn, at \$3.93 per bushel, decreased \$0.02 from February and decreased \$0.64 from last year; March soybeans, at \$10.10 per bushel, decreased \$0.20 from last month and decreased \$4.00 from last year; March wheat, at \$5.29 per bushel, decreased \$0.18 from February and decreased \$1.09 from last year; March milk at \$17.50 per cwt., decreased \$0.30 from last month, and decreased \$8.20 from last year.

The March Prices Received Index (Agricultural Production), at 102, based on 2011=100, increased 3 points (3.0 percent) from February. At 86, the March Crop Production Index is up 1 point (1.2 percent). At 117, the Livestock Production Index increased 3 points (2.6 percent). Producers received higher prices for broilers, eggs, cattle, and oranges but lower prices for milk, wheat, soybeans, and apples. In addition to prices, the indexes are impacted by the five-year average monthly mix of commodities producers market. Increased monthly movement of cattle, strawberries, calves, and milk offset the decreased marketing of cotton, soybeans, and hay.

The Prices Received Index is down 9 points (8.1 percent) from March 2014. The Food Commodities Index, at 110, increased 3 points (2.8 percent) from the previous month but decreased 12 points (9.8 percent) from March 2014.

Prices Received by Farmers¹, March 2015

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	Mar 2014	Feb 2015	Mar 2015	Mar 2014	Feb 2015	Mar 2015
Corn dollars/bu	4.57	3.95	3.93	4.52	3.79	3.81
Hay, alfalfa dollars/ton	185.00	175.00	180.00	193.00	172.00	172.00
Hay, other dollars/ton	140.00	120.00	110.00	142.00	127.00	136.00
Soybeans dollars/bu	14.10	10.30	10.10	13.70	9.92	9.84
Wheat, winter dollars/bu	6.38	5.47	5.29	6.92	5.70	5.55
Milk, all dollars/cwt	25.70	17.80	17.50	25.10	16.80	16.60

¹ Entire month weighted average price.

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